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Secretary of State Announces September 17th as National Voter Registration Day

(Pierre, S.D.) – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson joins the [National Association of Secretaries of State](#) (NASS) in encouraging citizens to celebrate National Voter Registration Month by registering to vote or updating their existing registration. Secretary Johnson will visit Stanley County High School and T.F. Riggs High School on Tuesday, September 17th, for National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) to speak with eligible high school seniors about the importance of registering to vote and participating in the upcoming Presidential Election.

NASS members established September as National Voter Registration Month in 2002 as a non-partisan means of encouraging voter participation and increasing awareness about state requirements and deadlines for voting. During the month, September 17, 2024, will be highlighted by NASS and other voter outreach groups as National Voter Registration Day.

To register to vote in South Dakota, you must:

- Be a US citizen,
- Be at least 18 years old before the next election,
- Reside in South Dakota for at least 30 days prior to submitting the registration form,
- Not be serving a sentence for a felony conviction,
- Not be judged mentally incompetent in a court of law.

The deadline to register to vote is 15 days before the election you wish to participate in.

The Secretary of State's Office has valuable information, resources, and accessible tools for those interested in learning more about the process: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/register-to-vote/default.aspx>. In addition, canivote.org is a helpful non-partisan tool created by NASS in conjunction with state election officials to help eligible voters learn how and where to go vote. If you have any further questions, please contact us at: 605-773-3537 or Elections@state.sd.us

"We encourage all eligible South Dakotans to register to vote and become involved in the election process. In addition, we urge all voters to consider becoming an Election Worker or Poll Observer to ensure that the process is fair, transparent, and secure." - Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State